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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 2 December 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Briefly reported on a conversation he had with [redacted] with particular reference to [redacted] and noted he had expressed the opinion to them that [redacted] was too important an asset to lose. The Director said that during this discussion the question of where [redacted] would fit in [redacted] was raised and as a result he had promised to forward a sketch of the NSC, the Planning Board and the IAC, to include how these committees operate and where they fit in the Government intelligence structure. [redacted] undertook to draw together this information in coordination with DD/I.

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b. Referred to the peace offer allegedly made by Ho Chi Minh and asked DD/P to consider a plan that might "smoke out" whether, in fact, Ho is still alive. The Director suggested that [redacted] might work on this project.

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General Cabell:

a. Stated [redacted] had reported that the ComSec Board had finally been organized and [redacted] had been elected Chairman. Mr. Sheldon noted that the Board had requested [redacted] be appointed as the Secretary, in addition to his duties as Secretary of USCI. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board should furnish its own Secretary and Mr. Dulles undertook to so advise [redacted]

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b. Referred to General Chennault's proposal that a new IVG Group be formed and the turn-down of this proposal by Defense, based on a recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and stated that a subsequent letter to him from General Twining indicated that the Air Force felt this matter had merit, would review it and again bring it to the attention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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c. Referred to a letter the Director had received from [redacted] [redacted] asking for an interview with the Director, and stated that [redacted] had been given every consideration, he (DDCI) had personally reviewed his case, and therefore, it was not believed any useful purpose could be served by his seeing the Director. After some discussion the Director asked [redacted] to prepare a brief reply to [redacted] covering the above points.

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Mr. Wisner:

Raised the question of increased assistance to [redacted] and the Director noted that [redacted] had a particular letter on this subject on which he was preparing comments. The Director said this letter would have to be delivered in the near future.

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Colonel White:

a. Reported he had been informed that Elmer Staats had indicated the OCB was planning to conduct a survey of U.S. radio activities overseas, and had decided to bring in "outside Consultants" for this project. The Director said he could not recall any discussion of such a survey and asked Colonel White to speak to [redacted] on this matter.

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b. Reported that Treasury had agreed to our issuing pay checks on 31 December, however, these checks would be dated 1 January 1954, and therefore, would not be negotiable until that date. Colonel White said that a notice to this effect would accompany each check.

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[redacted]

Reported on the possible defection of a certain individual and noted that since he was in the U.S. the FBI had the ball on this one.

Mr. Amory:

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Noted that the question of intelligence support for the Secretary of Defense had been raised. After considerable discussion as to CIA's contribution to such support, [redacted] suggested that Mr. Wilson be given a briefing on CIA activities. The Director approved, but stated that we should first determine the extent of intelligence information furnished by CIA to Defense, and in particular what the Secretary might receive direct. Mr. Sheldon undertook to gather the facts on this in coordination with DD/P.

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